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PORTRAYED AS EVIDENCE OF A "FOREIGN HAND" BEHIND THE  
PRO-DEMOCRACY DEMONSTRATIONS. (BEIJING/TF TELCOM) BAKER

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2. (U) THE DIRECTOR AND EDITOR-IN-CHIEF OF PEOPLE'S DAILY REPLACED: ACCORDING TO A REUTERS REPORT, A PEOPLE'S DAILY SPOKESMAN ANNOUNCED ON JUNE 23 THAT PEOPLE'S DAILY DIRECTOR QIAN LIREN AND EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

TAN WENRUI HAVE BEEN REPLACED. THEIR REMOVAL IS ALMOST CERTAINLY A RESULT OF THE NEWSPAPER'S FRANK AND OPEN COVERAGE OF THE STUDENT DEMONSTRATIONS. (REUTERS)

1. (U) FOREIGN HAND - 12 PRC NATIONALS ARRESTED AS TAIWAN AGENTS: CHINESE MEDIA ON JUNE 23 GAVE HEAVY PLAY TO THE ARREST OF 12 PRC NATIONALS AROUND CHINA AS "AGENTS OF TAIWAN." THEY ARE CHARGED WITH SPREADING RUMORS AND INSTIGATING DEMONSTRATIONS. AS PROOF, BEIJING TV NEWS SHOWED SOME OF THEM LOOKING AT A DEMONSTRATION ON TIANANMEN SQUARE AND READING WALL POSTERS. A TAIWANESE NATIONAL WAS ARRESTED EARLIER IN

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